

## Rotary Club of Canterbury (RCC)

### International Service Committee (ISC)

#### Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 6 February 2024

**1. Those present:** Raj Dasan (RD) (Chair), Gill Dixon (GD), John Bobba (JB), Lewis Norris (LN), Graham Bough (GB).

**Apologies received from:** Robin Vickers (RV), Julie Reza (JR).

**Other Committee Members:** Farrukh Hussain (FH), Nan Miller (NM), Mark Rosen (MR).

Item	Matters discussed	Action by	Due date
2	<p><b>Minutes of the meeting held on 5 December 2023:</b> These were approved and adopted.</p> <p><b>Matters arising:</b> Chloe Baxter, Lion Project, Malawi – JR is to contact her to ask for an update on the achievements of the project and to invite her to make a presentation to RCC.</p>	JR	
3	<p><b>Funding available to the committee</b> In July 2023, the Trustees of the RCC Trust Fund made available £1,000 to the ISC and, during November 2023, a further £2,050 was made available. The following decisions have been made:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Paid out:</b> the sum of £250 to Chloe Baxter, a hand therapist, who is visiting Malawi with the LION Project. These funds have been spent on materials and equipment to take with her to the work in Malawi.</li> <li><b>Committed but not paid:</b> £400 was committed to the RC Grande Baie, Mauritius, cleft palate project but is now released (See Below).</li> <li><b>Committed and cheque issued:</b> £350 to the New Life, Nyambene, project for the purpose of buying mattresses for the children. To be paid over on 20 February (See Below).</li> <li><b>Forecast to be awarded:</b> Lend with Care £500, Shelter Box £600, Aqua Box £600, a total of £1,700.</li> </ol> <p>Of the £3,050 funds made available to ISC, £600 has been paid out leaving available funds of £2,450 currently held in the RCC Trust Fund bank account.</p> <p>Henry Killender, a former member of the Rotary Club of Canterbury, has donated £650.00 to be gift aided by the RCC Trust Fund. The £650.00 is a restricted gift to be paid over to Shelterbox.</p>	JG	ASAP
4	<b>Progress on current initiatives + recent contacts</b>		
4(a)	<p><b>Cleft Palate Partnership at RC Grand Baie, Mauritius (District 9220)</b> The President of RC Grande Baie has advised RD that they have not yet received a Global Grant for the project. RC Grande Baie request that RCC put their contribution on hold at this time. <b>It was agreed to</b> release the £400 previously committed to this project. Should information be received at a later date that a Global Grant has been received, the committee will reconsider the funds available to contribute to it.</p>	RD	
4(b)	<p><b>Rotary Club of Dhaka, Cancer Prevention and Screening Project</b> Due to ill health, JR was not present at the meeting and the committee agreed that this project should be considered at the next meeting when it was hoped that she would be able to be present.</p>	JR	

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4(c)	<b>New Life, Nyambene</b> Miriam Westendarp, founder and trustee of the charity, is to address RCC about the work of the charity on 20 February 2024. RD is to present her with the cheque for £350 after her talk.	RD	20/2/2024
4(d)	<b>RC Gujranwala, Pakistan- Education and Literary Programme</b> The email contact from this source appears to be a round robin email seeking financial contributions. <b>It was agreed that</b> the sender of the email be advised that RCC currently have no funding available to support the project.	RD	
4(e)	<b>RC Nairobi, Magharibi, Kenya</b> The email contact from this source appears to be a round robin email seeking financial contributions. <b>It was agreed that</b> the sender of the email be advised that RCC currently have no funding available to support the project.	RD	
4(e)	<b>Rotary District re Kevin Fielding, Ukraine Ambulance trip</b> This funding has previously been discussed during a general meeting of RCC. <b>It was agreed that</b> the payment of £100 to contribute to the costs of the trip was a sensible use of funding available to the Club. <b>In view of the low level of funding currently available to this committee,</b> it was suggested that RD speak with the RCC Treasurer, Jim Gascoyne, to see if the Trustees of the RCC Trust Fund would be willing to make the payment out of the RCC Trust Fund, Charity General Fund, and not out of the funding made available to the committee.	RD + JG	ASAP
4(g)	<b>Lend With Care (LWC)</b> In the absence of RV, the report on LWC is deferred to the next meeting.	RV	
5	<b>Any other business</b>		
5(a)	<b>Future Fund Raising</b> A 'Frugal Lunch' as a fund raiser in the summer was proposed. This would consist of a meal of soup, bread and a desert for a charge of £15 per head. Such an event could be held in RD garden with the members of the committee preparing a choice of soups and serving the attendees. Any surplus raised from the meal and a raffle would be allocated to the work of the committee. <b>It was agreed that</b> RD raise the prospect at a future meeting of the Club.	RD	
5(b)	No further business was brought to the meeting.		

#### 6. Date of the next meeting

The next meeting is to be held **at 11:15 am on Tuesday, 5 March 2024**, prior to the Rotary Club, Business Meeting, meeting to be held on that day.

Matters relevant to ISC that may arise before that date will be circulated to the members of the committee by email for their consideration and comment.